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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE OF THE
AMIR OF THE STATE OF QATAR

1. FYI: THE PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING BICENTENNIAL GREETING FROM THE AMIR: "HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON. URGENT. THE GLORIOUS OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OFFERS ME THE OPPORTUNITY, WHICH I SEIZE WITH GREAT PLEASURE, TO EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR, AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS COUPLED WITH OUR BEST WISHES OF CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY, AND FURTHER SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY FOR YOUR FRIENDLY PEOPLE. KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL-THANI AMIR OF THE STATE OF QATAR." END FYI.

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2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE

DELIVERED TO THE AMIR: YOUR HIGHNESS, ON BEHALF OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST
WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDI-
CATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF
LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH
THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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